REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are now pending in the application. The Examiner requires that Applicants elect either Group I (claims 1-9), Group II (claims 37-47), or Group III (claims 10-36. Applicants herein expressly elect Group I (claims 1-9). The Examiner remarks that if Group II is elected, then a further election of Species is required. However, Applicants have elected Group I, and therefore make no election of Species.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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